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CONGESTION IN A PACKET SWITCHED NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 13, lines 10-12, please delete "With DRR, the rate (R) of the link times the weight (W) for a particular data stream divided by the sum of weights is greater than or equal to the bandwidth for the particular data stream." and replace it with -With DRR, the bandwidth for the particular data stream is greater than or equal to the rate (R) of the link times the weight (W) for a particular data stream divided by the sum of weights.-